

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 13, 2013



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus  
Chrystus.  
R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.  
Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:30 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy.

Naaman returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant."

Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives whom I serve, I will not take it;" and despite Naaman's urging, he still refused. Naaman said: "If you will not accept, please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the LORD."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

**R. The Lord has revealed  
to the nations his saving power.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

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The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

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All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands: break into song; sing praise.

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to the nations his saving power.**

READING II - 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Verse. R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 17:11-19

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This is the gospel of the Lord.

**R/: Praise be to you, Lord  
Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN -  
"Taste and See"

COMMUNION HYMN  
- "Lead Me, Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN  
- "How Great Thou Art"



# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## ST. LUKE

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Born of a pagan family, St. Luke became a convert to the Christian faith. He accompanied St. Paul on his second missionary journey and was with the apostle during his final imprisonment in Rome. Paul calls him "my dear friend Luke" in one of his epistles. Luke compiled the third Gospel. He describes at length the infancy of Jesus and emphasizes the Lord's prayerfulness and his mercy. The great parable of the Prodigal Son is found in Luke. The evangelist writes sensitively of Jesus' regard for women as well as his interest in the underprivileged and the outcasts of his society. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke relates the beginnings of the infant Church as it develops under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He saw clearly the continuity of the Church from the time of Jesus to its later expansion into the Gentile world. In his writings the Church's roots go back to the traditions of Israel and its future will touch all the nations of the earth. The Holy Spirit, descending at Pentecost, guides her with surprising wisdom and power, leading individuals and the Church herself to undertake new ventures despite human reluctance and fear. One tradition says Luke died at Boeotia in Greece at the age of eighty-four. He is patron of painters and physicians. In art he is represented by an ox because he begins his Gospel with the account of the priest Zachary sacrificing in the temple. His prayer: Lord Jesus, may we grow in faith through the words of your Gospel. Amen.

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

- Henri Nouwen

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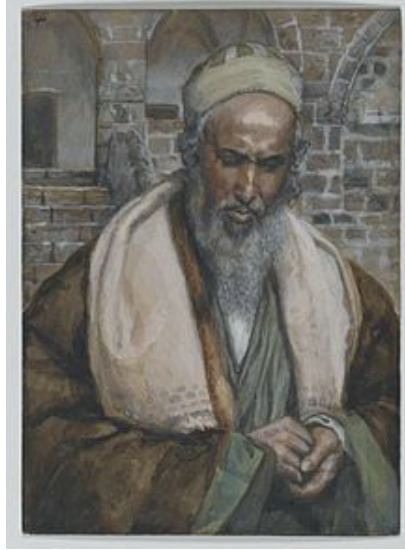
### THE CHURCH SPOTLESS AND TAINTED

The Church is holy and sinful, spotless and tainted. The Church is the bride of Christ, who washed her in cleansing water and took her to himself "with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless" (Ephesians 5:26-27). The Church too is a group of sinful, confused, anguished people constantly tempted by the powers of lust and greed and always entangled in rivalry and competition. When we say that the Church is a body made Christ-like through baptism and Eucharist but also to the broken bodies of all the people who are its members. Only when we keep both these ways of thinking and speaking together can we live in the Church as true followers of Jesus.

### HIS WORDS - FAITH

"...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

—Ephesians 3:17-19



### EXTEND YOUR HANDS...

Like Christ, continue to extend an open hand to help others, there are many ways to serve ... Our Parish provides a St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Bin for our use. Please donate what you can and spread the word of its location ... Good efforts and good directions continue, with random acts of kindness, a given smile, volunteer, or donate to your charity of choice, take time to listen and

care, look around and take action, and add another to your prayers! God Bless and keep You Always!

### PRAYER FOR THOSE LIVING ALONE

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side  
In all my daily needs, be Thou my guide.  
Grant me good health, for that I pray  
To carry on my work from day to day.  
Keep pure my thoughts, my every deed,  
Let me be kind and unselfish in my neighbor's needs.  
Spare me from fire, from floods, malicious tongues,  
From thieves, from fear, and evil ones.  
If sickness or an accident befall me,  
Then humbly, Lord, I pray, hear Thou my call.  
And when I am feeling low or in despair,  
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.  
I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear  
Because I feel Your presence ever near.

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### MARK THE DATES!

**Fri, Sat, Sun, November 22, 23, 24, 2013**

MCAP presents "The Table," an original comedy by John Blenn, back by popular demand, as a fund-raiser for our Parish. Fri & Sat, 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. See Joni for tickets (\$12 in advance)

**Sunday, December 8, 3 p.m.**

St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner  
All are welcome. Ask how you can help. Cook, donate a raffle prize, set-up, wash dishes, sell raffles at the dinner, etc.